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1. CONOFF SPOKE WITH MR. Y.Y. WONG, PRINCIPAL CONTACT FOR FEIGON'S COMPANY IN HONG KONG, CONCERNING VISAS TO PRC FOR JUDY FEIGON AND A CENTRAL SEAWAY EXECUTIVE. WONG WAS MOST HELPFUL WITH PREVIOUS VISAS FOR LEE BAKER FEIGON AND HIS SISTER SHANNON. WONG INFORMED CONOFF THAT NOW THAT CANTON TRADE FAIR IS OVER, IT IS "A NEW BALL GAME." WONG SAID THAT IMPORTANT RC OFFICALS WHO WERE IN CANTON FOR THE TRADE FAIR HAVE NOW RETURNED TO PEKING AND THAT THERE IS NO ONE PRESENTLY IN CANTON WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO JUDY FEIGON. WONG, THERFORE, FELT THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF MISS FEIGON'S VISA WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM WASHINGTON LIAISON OFFICE VIA PEKING TO CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE IN HONG KONG. IN ADDITION, WONG IMPLIED THAT CHINESE WERE SLIGHTLY IRRITATED BY THE QUICK DEPARTURE OF LEE AND SHANNON FEIGON. CHINESE EVIDENTLY THOUGHT FIEGONS WOULD STAY LONGER WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR PARENTS AND THUS MADE THE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE THEIR VISAS TO CANTON. HOWEVER, FEIGONS STAYED ONLY THREE DAYS AND CHINESE MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO AGAIN ISSUE SPECIAL VISAS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL PERSONS CONCERNED WITH FEIGON'S HEALTH.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, CONOFF SUGGESTED THAT WONG INFORM

MISS FEIGON AND CENTRAL SEAWAY EXECUTIVE NOT RPT NOT, TO PROCEED TO HONG KONG UNTIL CONFIRMATION OR PRC VISA HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

3. SUGGEST THAT USLO OR DEPT CONSIDER POSSIBILITY INTERCEDING WITH PRC AUTHORITIES THIS MATTER. WONG INFORMED CONGEN THAT CTS/HONG KONG HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORT FROM WASHINGTON OR PEKING CONCERNING PROPOSED FEIGON TRAVEL. SHOESMITH

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